

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA STAFF MEETING, 2 MAY 1955

PRESENT: [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] commented that the first group of Geographic Area personnel to be processed into the Career Staff will meet at 2:30 p.m. this afternoon in 2125 "M" Building. [REDACTED] will notify those persons.

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25X1A9a 3. There was some discussion of the best ways to carry out recruiting for geographers. The main problem is getting through to the professors who recommend their best people for academic jobs instead of Government jobs. [REDACTED] suggested the possibility of presenting some discussion of our programs at certain University Departments.

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5. [REDACTED] reported that two groups from D/GL toured the Cartography Division last week. There will be two more such tours this week. [REDACTED] has requested copies of representative studies by D/GG, so that D/GL personnel can read them and get a better idea of the activities of D/GG. [REDACTED] suggested that [REDACTED] brief D/GL personnel on the activities of their Divisions, to cover one-half of the Map Library personnel at a briefing. [REDACTED] commented that he would like to visit the Divisions more often and suggested that each Division Chief prepare a list of problems and topics on which the Area Chief could provide useful assistance. Perhaps the Area Chief could attend, at the invitation of the Division Chief, Division staff meetings where such topics would be discussed. It was also suggested that the Division Chiefs consider inviting members of the AD's staff to appropriate staff meetings.

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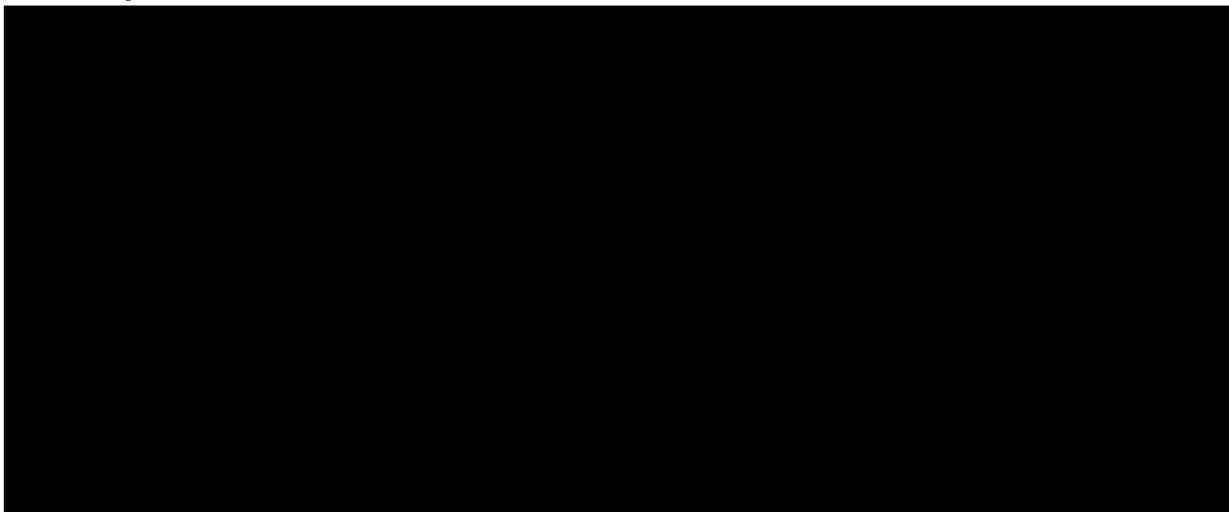
6. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that he can anticipate a visit by [REDACTED] Management Staff, to discuss preparation of a CIA regulation on D/GL functions.

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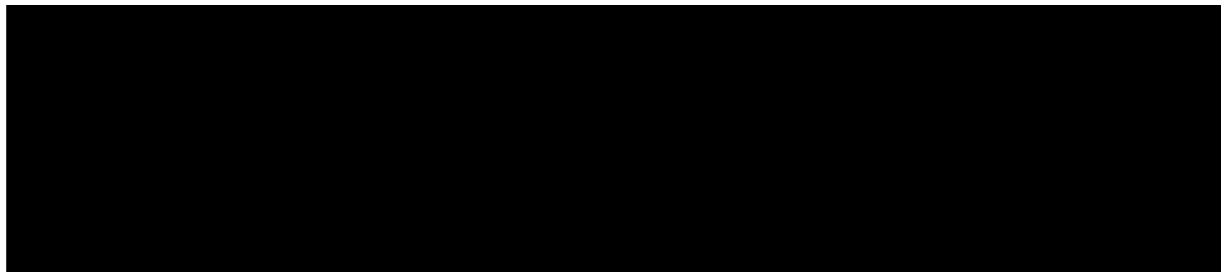


9. The letter for Mr. Amory's signature on CIA needs for geographic procurement in Latin America is being prepared by [REDACTED]. It was decided that coordination concerning OCI needs is required. [REDACTED] emphasized the need for urgency in the matter.

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25X1A9a 11. [REDACTED] commented that he and [REDACTED] toured the Intelligence Division of Air Rescue Service last week. A requirement for Evasion studies has been placed on this unit by SAC. D/GG reports will be made available to this group.

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25X1A9a 13. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] has written a memorandum on the Antarctica situation at the request of [REDACTED] of the DD/I's Office.

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14. [REDACTED] reported that the requirement for support of D/M on petroleum areas in the USSR has been increased by a request from D/M for the description of oil fields in Alberta.

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25X1A9a 18. [REDACTED] described a recent problem encountered by D/GC personnel who worked all night on an OCI project and then were charged annual leave when they went home to sleep that day. The Payroll Office 25X1A9a has indicated that it may be possible to get sick leave in such cases. [REDACTED] said this could be done only if Personnel, through St/A, will give written approval and a statement of how to administer such a policy.

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19. [REDACTED] commented that requests for External training at Agency expense for University summer sessions must be submitted within the next few days. A deadline date should be received today from St/A.

20. Lt. Colonel Sage, G-2, will arrive this afternoon to spend two weeks active duty with the Far East Branch, D/GG.

*21. Management problems were discussed, particularly problems of communication within the Geographic Area and the Divisions. [REDACTED] emphasized the necessity for adequate explanation and stimulation of discussion so that programs are built on a broad basis of understanding at all levels rather than fall in from the top like a ton of bricks. He commented on the disparity in understanding of basic problems and policies exhibited at various levels, in comparison with the broad understanding and appreciation that should prevail at all levels. It was emphasized that the Divisions must be properly managed and that the Division Chiefs are responsible. The main problems of the Division Chiefs and the Area Chief are management problems, and it is essential for these persons to increase their management competence. It is hoped that the Division Chiefs will be able to take the Management Course planned by [REDACTED] for Division Chief level and higher.

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